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A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The meeting held by W. G. Johnston, Labor M.P.P. for Medicine Hat, to discuss with the electors the work taken up at the last session of the legislature, is a move in the right direction. There has not been enough of this kind of thing in the past and too often the electors have not seen or heard from their representatives from one election to another.

It should be considered the duty of representatives to hold such meetings throughout their constituencies periodically. In this way they would not only be able to keep their constituents posted on what is going on, but would also be able to learn first hand the views and the needs of those they are supposed to represent.

In making this suggestion we do not lose sight of the fact that here in the west our constituencies are large and settlement widely scattered, thus making any attempt to visit every section of them impossible. However, it should be possible to hold at least a few meetings at centres where those interested could attend with little inconvenience.

Mr. Johnston has set a good example which other members should emulate.

POLITICAL SOMERSAULTING.

At the last session of the Dominion parliament, Andrew McMaster, Liberal member for Bromes, introduced a resolution to the effect that all cabinet ministers, before assuming office, should resign directorates in banks, trust companies, insurance companies, transportation companies and all large corporations. At that time the Liberals were in opposition. McKenzie King and all his supporters to a man supported the motion. The Meighen government and its supporters opposed it and the motion was lost. For talking that stand the Meighen government and its supporters were branded by Mr. King and the Liberal members as the government of the big interests.

This week the same Mr. McMaster introduced the same resolution in the same parliament building. The same McKenzie King and his large percentage of the same Liberal members were in the house. Yet when the vote was taken this week Mr. Andrew McMaster was the only Liberal who supported it. Naturally the motion was again defeated, as Meighen and his supporters took the same stand this week as they did a year ago.

When politicians indulge in such political somersaulting as

this is it any wonder that old woman said: "the more I see and hear and read of politicians the more I like my dog and hens."

AN EXPENSIVE HABIT.

Last fall the town went to considerable expense fixing up sidewalks in different parts of the town. In a great many cases these repairs were made necessary because of the downright carelessness of delivery and automobile drivers who got the habit of crossing the sidewalks any old place to suit their own convenience. The result was that planks were being broken by the wholesale.

Among the repairs done last fall was that portion on the north side of Broadway west from the spur track down across Main street. Here it was necessary to put a complete new sidewalk, and unless some effort is made to stop this practice it will not be long till it will be as bad as ever again. Drivers have crossed this sidewalk at every possible place, and already several boards are broken, leaving the walk in a dangerous condition. No doubt the same is the case in other parts of the town.

If the town had a bylaw prohibiting teamsters from crossing sidewalks the Council should see that it is enforced. If there is no such bylaw no time should be lost in passing one. This careless habit is very expensive for the town. A few prosecutions would help some.

SHOULD ASSIST OFFICIALS.

Now that the provincial legislature is doing everything possible to be in a position to combat the grasshopper plague, if there should be one, it is up to U.F.A. locals, rural municipalities and individual farmers to render every possible assistance in making the fight a success.

We are informed that indications point to an abundance of grasshoppers this season. This being the case it would be well if all would keep a strict watch for the first appearance of the pests. It has been suggested that school children in the various rural schools be instructed in this matter and requested also to keep a close eye on any development.

It might also be pointed out that those who notice any development are expected to report same to district inspectors, and any who fail to do so are liable to a fine of \$100.00.

THE WHEAT POOL.

The situation in connection with the establishing of a Wheat Board which would be of any use in the handling of this year's crop, is not very encouraging at the present time.

Dominion Government law officers say that the federal government cannot establish such a board without interfering with provincial rights as laid down in the British North America Act.

This looks like another of the many exhibitions we have had in the past of passing the buck from federal to provincial governments in order to dodge responsibility. This sort of thing has been happening so frequently of late that it is about time a committee were appointed to find out and make public just what the federal parliament can and cannot do and just what the provincial legislature can and cannot do.

We have heard a great deal of late about Canada becoming a

nation within the Empire, and taking her place among other nations in the discussion and solution of international questions. If this is really the case why should we not be able of ourselves to regulate and amend the B.N.A. when clauses in that act interfere with the passing of legislation necessary to cope with changing conditions, and bring about such reforms as are essential to the general welfare of the country?

As the matter in connection with the wheat pool now stands it would appear that the only suggestion as a way out of the difficulty is for the prairie provinces to unite and form a wheat pool of their own. But how far could we get along that line? We venture to say that as soon as any movement were started in that direction some one would bubble up—possibly Mr. Cramer himself—and say that such a move would interfere with the rights of the federal parliament or with the other provinces.

It is about time we found out how far we can go as a province in matters of this kind. At present it looks as though the wheat pool were doomed for this year.

"The eman in that cell looks quite bright," said a lady who was being shown through the Ponoka institution the other week, "what makes you think he is crazy?" "Because," said the guide, "he says he is running a butcher shop and is losing money."

That man who committed suicide on the strength of Conan Doyle's statement that death is a beautiful sensation, will no doubt now have some idea of what happens after the beautiful sensation passes.

According to the latest rules issued by the C.P.R. our stations are closed all day Sunday. This makes it very inconvenient for those who find it necessary to travel on Sundays, as there is no way of finding out how the trains are running. It has frequently occurred that such travellers have had to spend many weary hours in the station waiting for their train. No one begrudges the employees the day off, but surely some arrangement could be made whereby employees living in the station would be required to bulletin the arrival of trains. This should not cost the company very much in overtime, and would be a source of great convenience to their patrons, who are surely entitled to some consideration.

According to present indications we are to have a lively time in athletic sports in town this summer. There is no doubt that such use of sport will be supported by the citizens so long as it is properly conducted and so long as the players do their part to make the games interesting. It is hoped the enthusiasm at present exhibited will be continued through the season and not die down in a few weeks as has been the case so often in the past. With three baseball teams and two football teams in town we should have an interesting season of sport.

Now that Manitoba has been able to make satisfactory arrangements for the transfer of their natural resources it is hoped that it will not be long till we will be able to say the same about Alberta and Saskatchewan. Premier Greenfield is at present in Ottawa in connection with this matter.

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